

HEVERSHAM PARISH COUNCIL

Unconfirmed Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on **Wednesday 27 March 2024** at 7.30pm in The Athenaeum, Leasgill

Present – Cllrs. Peter Clarke (Chair), Brian Rendell, Adrian Bland, Tom Grindey, Iain Richards, Elizabeth Moffat and Mary Capstick; Westmorland & Furness (W&F) Cllr. Janet Battye; the Clerk and no members of the public

19/24 Apologies: None

20/24 Minutes

Resolved that the minutes of the meeting held on 8 February 2024 be confirmed as a true record and be signed by the Chair

21/24 Declarations of Interest: None

22/24 Requests for Dispensation: None

23/24 Public Participation: None

24/24 Ongoing Items

- Extension of 50mph limit to Levens Bridge: Requests for a reduction to 40mph had been made and the Clerk was asked to explore whether it was possible to amend the existing 50mph proposal
- Proposed village 20mph zone: The application had been submitted. W&F Cllr. Battye reported that the first tranche of applications was to be discussed by the Locality Board on 25 April 2024. The Chair had prepared a summary of responses and comments received during the consultation with parishioners. He was to forward this to Cllrs. so that they could express their opinion as to whether any should be pursued
- Crow Wood and yellow line parking restrictions: No reply had been received regarding clarification of the ownership of the area used for parking. It was agreed that the Chair would prepare a grid of residents' names and addresses and that the matter should be discussed further at the Annual Parish Meeting
- Field of Dreams: A reply to the Council's claim was still awaited
- Street Light Removal: The work was still expected to be done in May/June 2024

25/24 Reports

- a. Westmorland & Furness Cllr. Battye referred to two items in 33/24 Correspondence – the Bus Service Improvement Plan and the Community Power Workshop and asked Cllrs. to participate. She also drew attention to the availability of biodiversity advice and guidance to support wildlife. Cllr. Richards had attended the local nature recovery strategy forum and he reported on the benefits of action
- b. The Athenaeum: Cllr. Bland reported that the Management Committee had agreed to go ahead with the tanking and the Clerk was asked to check that insurance cover had been obtained. Cllr. Grindey said that the talk to be given by John Chew on 13 April on memories of his time at the Blue Bell was receiving considerable interest. The quiz had made a profit of over £500

26/24 Planning

- i) It was noted that the following planning applications had been **submitted** to W&FC and circulated to members of the Council since the last meeting:
 - 2024/0177/FPA Field north of Whinfell, Woodhouse Lane, Heversham**
Installation of 32 ground mounted solar panels
 - 2024/0466/FPA 1, Eversley Gardens, Leasgill**
Alterations to existing dwelling house, including extension to existing balcony, attic conversion of part existing roof space involving raising existing roof level to part of dwelling
 - SL/2023/0255 Heversham House, Heversham (Re-consultation)**
Revised elevations, stonework details, window openings, change from cementitious render to lime render with tooled finish & revised gate pillars attached to planning permission SL/2020/0917 (change of use from residential care home (use class 2) to single dwelling (use class 3), alterations to the vehicular access, extensions and alterations, erection of detached garage, erection of retaining walls and removal of trees to the western boundary
The Council had **no comments** to make on these applications
- ii) It was noted that correspondence had been received from the applicants regarding **2024/0064/FPA Valley View, Leasgill**. It was agreed that the Chair should draft a reply setting out the Council's reasons for requesting additional information regarding this application
- iii) It was noted that the following planning applications had been **approved** by W&FC since the last meeting:
 - 2023/1037/FPA Malston, Woodhouse, Milnthorpe**
Erection of a wooden gazebo in front garden area
 - 2023/1109/FPA Wanthwaite, Heversham**
Rear extension, detached double garage and a raised patio area to the front
 - 2024/0177/FPA Field north of Whinfell, Woodhouse Lane, Heversham**
Installation of 32 ground mounted solar panels
- iv) It was noted that the following planning application has been **refused** by W&FC since the last meeting:
 - SL/2023/0429 Dallam School Car Park, Princes Way, Heversham**
Variation of conditions 1 (approved plans), 4 (surface water and sewage), 5 (soft landscape) and 6 (parking layout) attached to approval of reserved matters permission SL/2019/0726 (erection of two dwellings and alterations to car park)
- v) Neighbourhood Plan group: There was no report

27/24 Highways / Footpaths / Trees and Woods

Highways:

- a) It was noted that the potholes near the southern island had not been dealt with when the A6 was resurfaced
- b) The Chair reported that the cycleway signs had not been tampered with recently

Footpaths/Tracks:

- i) The meeting of the Footpaths Working Group with the Countryside Access Officer was now to take place on 2 April
- ii) One stile and one pallet/binder twine gate had been replaced with pedestrian gates and two stiles needed attention

Trees and Woods:

- i) The Clerk confirmed receipt of the second batch of free trees, which Cllr. Richards was growing on in his garden
- ii) Cllr. Richards reported that he had removed the dead wood in Quarry Wood but that there were a number of large spindly trees and diseased ash to be removed. It was agreed that a working party would do this in the autumn
- iii) Cllr. Richards also reported the same problems in the Mabbin Hall Lane Wood. It was agreed to ask a specialist contractor to look at these as some were near the road.
- iv) Cllr. Richards stated that he was not going to stand for re-election but he offered to continue to monitor both woods, remove fallen trees and in return keep the firewood. This offer was accepted

28/24 Playground Report

- i) Cllr. Rendell had inspected the playground since the last meeting and had reported no problems
- ii) The external inspector's report was received and considered. Cllr. Rendell confirmed that any necessary work would be done. It was agreed that this included fencing and attention to the entrance gate pillars
- iii) Cllr. Rendell would continue to monitor the equipment and would carry out the inspections until the next meeting
- iv) The Council expressed their thanks to Cllr. Rendell for his work on the playground over a lengthy period

29/24 Village Tidy

The arrangements were finalised for the annual tidy to be held on 6 April 2024

30/24 Annual Parish Meeting

The arrangements were finalised for the Meeting to be held on 18 April 2024

31/24 Parish Land

It was agreed to ask Tim Thacker to stock the "Field of Dreams" in 2024/25

32/24 Finance

- a) It was noted that there had been the following receipt since the last meeting:
Rhoda Thompson Trust - playground grant - £1,000.00
- b) The following payments were approved:
Npower – street lighting electricity February 2024 - £108.50 – cheque 724
Pandora Technologies Ltd – SID battery and service - £432.00 – cheque 725
A2A Advertising Ltd – web hosting fee - £78.00 – cheque 726
- c) The Asset Register was received and approved
- d) The 2024/25 Effectiveness of Internal Audit document was received and approved
- e) **Resolved** that it be noted that the closing bank balance at 29 February 2024 was £13,999.49, which had been reconciled with the bank account, and that the bank statement be signed by the Chair

33/24 Correspondence

The following correspondence received and not included as an item on this agenda was noted:

- i) W&FC Temporary prohibition of all traffic restriction – A6, Princes Way on 24/2/24 (emailed to Cllrs.10/2/24)
- ii) Office of the Police, Fire & Crime Commissioner – winter newsletter (emailed to Cllrs.20/2/24)
- iii) CALC – D-Day 80 Flag of Peace (emailed to Cllrs.23/2/24)
- iv) CALC – Cumbria Fire & Rescue community risk management plan consultation (emailed to Cllrs.23/2/24)
- v) National Highways – Detailed programme re A590/M6 Jct 36 safety improvements (emailed to Cllrs.1/3/24)
- vi) CALC – W&F town and parish council forum on 25/3/24 – biodiversity and nature recovery (emailed to Cllrs.5/3/24)
- vii) CALC – W&FC apprenticeships (emailed to Cllrs.5/3/24)
- viii) W&FC – Cumbria local nature recovery strategy newsletter (emailed to Cllrs.5/3/24)
- ix) CALC – Spring climate and nature newsletter (emailed to Cllrs.5/3/24)
- x) Cumbria Police – Neighbourhood Policing Team update February 2024 (emailed to Cllrs.18/3/24)
- xi) CALC – South Lakes town and parish council forum on 3/4/24 – Bus Service Improvement Plan (emailed to Cllrs.21/3/24)
- xii) National Highways – Safety improvement works update (emailed to Cllrs.22/3/24)
- xiii) CALC – Great Big Green Week 8-16 June 2024 (emailed to Cllrs.22/3/24)
- xiv) W&FC – Refugee, evacuee and asylum seeker grants programme 2024/25 (emailed to Cllrs.22/3/24)
- xv) CALC – Invitation to community power workshop on 11/4/24 (emailed to Cllrs.22/3/24)
- xvi) North West Ambulance Service – Recruitment of volunteer car drivers (emailed to Cllrs.22/3/24)
- xvii) CALC News January and February 2024 (emailed to Cllrs.26/3/24)

34/24 Westmorland Gazette – Matters from this meeting to be reported for the Westmorland Gazette:

- Success of the Village Tidy
- Reminder for the Annual Parish Meeting

35/24 Items for Information – *no decisions or action permitted*

- Parish Council election on Thursday 2 May 2024 – Cllrs. Rendell and Richards stated that they were not standing for re-election. The other councillors expressed their thanks to both for their service to the Council and the community and particularly to Cllr. Rendell, who had served as Chair and Vice-Chair of the Parish Council and as a District Councillor in the South Lakeland District Council

- Cllr. Grindey informed the meeting that there was a threat to newspaper delivery in the village

36/24 Items for consideration for a future agenda

- a. Queen's Platinum Jubilee Tree Scheme Plaque – When new trees are ready later in 2024
- b. Planning policy and objections – Spring 2024

37/24 Date of next meeting

It was agreed the next meeting of the Parish Council will be held on Wednesday 24 April 2024 and will commence at 7.30pm in The Athenaeum, Leasgill

The meeting closed at 9.25 pm